

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ZONING
 ORDINANCE RELATED TO SOLAR ENERGY; POD 09-006
 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW:

In an effort to promote the Board of Supervisor's 2010 Legislative Policy Guidelines of supporting legislation that would encourage exploration of renewable energy sources and provide clean and diversified energy initiatives to augment traditional resources, the Department of Planning and Land Use is proposing amendments to the County of San Diego Zoning Ordinance related to solar energy. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments would simplify the review process for allowing Solar Energy Systems and would provide permit streamlining where appropriate. The proposed ordinance would add new definitions and sections for onsite and offsite use solar energy systems and the proposed regulations would codify existing practices and allow for a simpler review process for such facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:

The number of permit requests for offsite use of photovoltaic solar energy systems would most likely increase with the proposed ordinance amendments, which would also promote the growth of the solar energy industry throughout the unincorporated area of San Diego County.

RECOMMENDATION:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find on the basis of the whole record that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment. Consider the Negative Declaration on file with the Department of Planning and Land Use as Environmental Review Number 09-00-003 together with the comments received during public review and adopt it, finding that it reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board of Supervisors.
2. Adopt the attached Form of Ordinance (Attachment A):

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ORDINANCE RELATED TO SOLAR ENERGY, REF: POD 09-006

PLANNING COMMISSION

On July 23, 2010, the Planning Commission, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 absent, recommended the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendments related to solar energy. The Planning Commission also recommended increasing the permitted height for solar energy systems located in front yard and exterior side yard setbacks to an unspecified height. Staff assured the Planning Commission that the intent of the height limits is to ensure that solar energy systems are unobtrusive and do not result in visual impacts.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Jacob, seconded by Supervisor Roberts, the Board closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10072 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO SOLAR ENERGY.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Slater-Price, Roberts, Horn

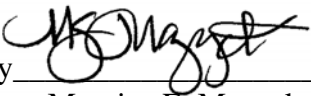
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By 
Marvice E. Mazyck, Deputy